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CONNECTING ETC.

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated February 24, 2003 (Paper No. 4).

REMARKS

In the Action, claims 1-40 were made subject to a restriction requirement. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. However, in order to advance prosecution of the Application, Applicant elects Invention I, corresponding to claims 1-31 and 40, for examination on the merits, subject to the below remarks.

Claims 1-31 and 40 are drawn to a method for producing a connector element for connecting frame parts at a joint location in a bicycle framework. Claims 32-37